

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1-13. (Canceled)
14. (Currently Amended) A damping device comprising a differential cylinder having a cylinder chamber and a piston rod side ring chamber, a tank, first and second hydraulic units, a hydraulic accumulator, and an electric motor associated with the hydraulic units, wherein the first hydraulic unit is arranged in a first pressure medium flow path between the tank and the ring chamber and fluid in the first flow path flows from the tank into the ring chamber and the second hydraulic unit is arranged in a second pressure medium flow path between the ring chamber and the cylinder chamber whereby the first and/or the second pressure medium flow path is flowable through by a pressure medium in both directions.
15. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the hydraulic units each have a variable displacement volume.
16. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the electric motor drives the hydraulic units.
17. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 15, wherein a pressure transducer for measuring a pressure prevailing in the ring chamber and/or in the cylinder chamber is provided for adjusting pivoting angles or displacement volumes of the hydraulic units.
18. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 15, wherein in the cylinder chamber and/or in the range of the hydraulic accumulator a pressure transducer is provided for measuring an accumulator pressure and an accumulator charge of the hydraulic accumulator and for adaptation to a static load.

19. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the electric motor is adapted to be driven through at least one of the hydraulic units and thus may be utilized as a generator.

20. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein in a quasi-static condition a pressure approximately twice as high as in the ring chamber prevails in the cylinder chamber.

21. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein a piston of the differential cylinder is fixedly mounted, and a cylinder jacket of the differential cylinder is guided in an axially displaceable manner.

22. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein a cylinder jacket of the differential cylinder is fixedly mounted, and a piston of the differential cylinder is guided in an axially displaceable manner.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, wherein the ring chamber is sealed against an external environment and/or against the cylinder chamber through a gap seal.

25. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 24, wherein the gap seal is formed by an annular gap between piston-side surfaces and cylinder jacket-side surfaces.

26. (Previously Presented) The damping device in accordance with claim 25, wherein beyond a leakage port, the annular gap is sealed against the external environment through at least one sealing member.

27. (Previously Presented) A cable-stayed bridge comprising the damping device in accordance with claim 14.